

# Electro-Chemical Equivalents

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chemical equivalents rather as a specimen of a first attempt than as anything that can supply the want which must very quickly be felt, of a full and complete tabular account of this class of bodies. Looking forward to such a table as of extreme utility (if well constructed) in developing the intimate relation of ordinary chemical affinity to electrical actions, and identifying the two, not to the imagination merely, but to the conviction of the senses and a sound judgment, I may be allowed to express a hope that the endeavour will always be to make it a table of *real*, and not *hypothetical*, electro-chemical equivalents; for we shall else overrun the facts, and lose all sight and consciousness of the knowledge lying directly in our path.

581. The equivalent numbers do not profess to be exact, and are taken almost entirely from the chemical results of other philosophers in whom I could repose more confidence, as to these points, than in myself.

Oxygen..... 8	582. TABLE OF	
Chlorine .....	IONS.	
35.5 .....		
Iodine.....126	<i>Anions.</i>	Tartaric acid...66
Bromine .....		Citric acid.....58
78.3 .....	Selenic acid 64	Oxalic acid.....36
Fluorine .....	Nitric acid . 54	Sulphur (?) ...16
18.7 .....	Chloric acid 75.5	Selenium (?)....
Cyanogen.....26	Phosphoric	Sulpho-cyanogen..
Sulphuric	acid ..35.7	
acid . .40	Carbonic	
	acid . . .22	
	Boracic acid....24	
	Acetic acid.....51	
Hydrogen..... i	<i>Cations.</i>	Soda .....
Potassium ....		31.3
39.2	Cadmium..... 55.8	Lithia ..... 18
Sodium.....	Cerium ... 46	Baryta.....
23.3	Cobalt..... 29.5	76.7
Lithium ..... 10	Nickel ..... 29.5	Strontia.....
Barium.....	Antimony.....	51.8
68.7	64.6?	Lime .....
Strontium..... 43-	Bismuth .. 71	28.5
8	Mercury ...200	Magnesia.....
Calcium.....	Silver .....108	20.7
20.5	Platina.....	Alumina ....
Magnesium....	98.6?	(?)
12.7	Gold..... ( ? )	Protoxides
Manganese....		generally.
27.7	Ammonia .... 17	Quinia .....
Zinc.....	Potassa..... 47.2	171.6
32.5		Cinchona.....160
Tin ..... 57-		Morphia.....290
9		Vegeto-alkalies
Lead		gener-
.....		ally.
103.5		
Iron..... 28		
Copper .....		
.....31.6		

583. This table might be further arranged into groups of such substances as either act with, or replace, each other.

Thus, for instance, acids and bases act'  
in relation to each  
other; but they do not act in association  
with oxygen, hydrogen,